

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE AMERICAN BOTTLING COMPANY,
a Delaware corporation, d/b/a Dr. Pepper
Snapple Group,

Defendant.

No.

COMPLAINT TO COLLECT
TRUST FUNDS

I.

Plaintiff, Northwest Administrators, Inc., is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in King County, and is the authorized administrative agency for and the assignee of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund (hereinafter "Trust").

II.

The Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund is an unincorporated association operating as a Trust Fund pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, to provide retirement benefits to eligible participants.

III.

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under Section 502(e)(1) and (f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and (f) and under §301(a) of the Taft-Hartley Act, 29 U.S.C. §185(a).

IV.

Venue is proper in this District under Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), because the plaintiff trust fund is administered in this District.

V.

Defendant is a Delaware corporation.

VI.

Defendant is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Locals 70 and 690 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (hereinafter "Locals"), under which the Defendant is required to promptly and fully report for and pay monthly contributions to the Trust at specific rates for each hour of compensation (including vacations, holidays, overtime and sick leave) the Defendant pays to its employees who are members of the bargaining unit represented by the Locals. Such bargaining unit members are any of the Defendant's part-time or full-time employees who perform any work task covered by the Defendant's collective bargaining agreements with the Locals, whether or not those employees ever actually join the Locals.

VII.

Defendant accepted the Plaintiff's Trust Agreement and Declaration and agreed to pay liquidated damages equal to twenty percent (20%) of all delinquent and delinquently paid contributions due to the Trust, together with interest accruing upon such delinquent contributions at varying annual rates from the first day of delinquency until fully paid, as well as attorney's fees and costs the Trust incurs in connection with the Defendant's unpaid obligations.

VIII.

For the employment period May 2018, Defendant has failed to promptly report for and pay to the Plaintiff Trust all amounts due, as described above, and only Defendant's records contain the detailed information necessary to an accurate determination of the extent of the Defendant's unpaid obligations to the Trust.

IX.

For the employment period August 1, 2015 through October 31, 2017, Defendant had a shortage in its pension contributions as a result of a rate increase effective August 1, 2015, as provided for in its labor agreement, resulting in unpaid contributions of \$50,630.56. Defendant is further obligated to the Trust for liquidated damages in the amount of \$10,126.11 for the period August 1, 2015 through October 31, 2017, as well as interest accruing until paid in full, and all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Plaintiff in connection with all of Defendant's unpaid obligations.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays to the Court as follows:

1. That Defendant be compelled to render a monthly accounting to the Plaintiff's attorneys and set forth in it the names and respective social security

1 numbers of each of the Defendant's employees who are members of the bargaining
2 unit represented by the Local, together with the total monthly hours for which the
3 Defendant compensated each of them, for the employment period May 2018, and for
4 whatever amounts may thereafter accrue;

5 2. That it be granted judgment against Defendant as follows:

6 a. For contributions for the shortage for the period August 1, 2015
7 through October 31, 2017 in the amount of \$50,630.56;

8 b. For liquidated damages for the period August 1, 2015 through
9 October 31, 2017 in the amount of \$10,126.11;

10 c. All delinquent contributions due to the Trust for the period May
11 2018;

12 d. All liquidated damages due for the period May 2018;

13 e. For all accrued interest;

14 f. For all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Trust in
15 connection with Defendant's obligations; and

16 g. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and
17 equitable.
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20 DATED this 21st day of August, 2018.

21 Respectfully submitted,

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